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SUBJ: EAST-WEST TRADE UNION CONFERENCE

1. AUSTRIAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION PRESIDENT ANTON BENYA, WHO ATTENDED ILO EUROPEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE AND JANUARY 19 EAST-WEST TRADE UNION CONFERENCE (ACCOMPANIED BY ATUF SECRETARIES STROER AND KOCH) TOLD LABOR ATTACHE THAT MEETING WAS NATURAL DEVELOPMENT IN EAST-WEST DETENTE CONTEXT AND THAT DESPITE LACK OF PRE-CONFERENCE COORDINATION BY WESTERN PARTICIPANTS EAST EUROPEANS DID NOT OBTAIN THEIR OBJECTIVES OF INSTITUTIONALIZING EUROPEAN TRADE UNION RELATIONS OR OF INJECTING PURELY POLITICAL ISSUES.

2. BENYA WAS RATHER SAGUINE ABOUT A FOLLOW-UP EAST-WEST CONFERENCE SINCE PREPARATIONS FOR IT HAVE BEEN DELEGATED TO THE FOUR EUROPEAN WORKER MEMBERS OF ILO GOVERNING BODY WHERE WESTERN REPRESENTATIVES HAVE 3 TO 1 MAJORITY. FURTHERMORE, ATUF FEELS STRONGLY THAT ILO UMBRELLA SHOULD BE RETAINED FOR SUBSEQUENT CONFERENCE WHETHER MEETING TAKES PLACE IN GENEVA OR OTHER LOCALE--SUCH AS HELSINKI OR VIENNA--AS HAS BEEN SUGGESTED. DESPITE VAGUE REFERENCE IN JANUARY 19 COMMUNIQUE "TO SECURE COOPERATION ON QUESTIONS OF NATIONAL INTEREST", BENYA FELT THAT WESTERN MAJORITY OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE SHOULD BE ABLE TO RESTRICT TOPICS TO SPECIFIC TRADE UNION CONCERNS IN THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC SPHERE. HUMES

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